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SUBJECT: UJNR NATIONAL PARKS PANEL - CONSERVATION OF
SEABIRDS

REFERENCE: STATE 216066 (NOTAL);

1. AS FLAGGED REFTTEL DURING SEPT 20-24 WASHINGTON
MEETING OF SUBJECT PANEL US SIDE RAISED REPORTED PROBLEM
OF SEABIRD MORTALITY FROM JAPANESE GILL-NETTING IN NORTH
PACIFIC, DESCRIBE IN PAPER RECEIVED FROM US NATIONAL SEC-
TION OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BIRD PRESERVATION (ICBP)
WHICH ESTIMATED ANNUAL LOSSES OF SEABIRDS AS RANGING FROM
214,500 TO 715,000.

2. U.S. REP O'CONNOR, DEPUTY ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL
ASSISTANCE, FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE (FWS), DEPARTMENT OF
THE INTERIOR, EXTENDED FWS ONER TO COLLABORATE WITH GOJ
AGENCIES TO GATHER, EXCHANGE, AND VERIFY DATA ON THIS PROB-
LEM; US ALSO WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE TECHNICIANS OF
RESPECTIVE NATIONAL AGENCIES EXAMINE TOGETHER SUCH MEASURES
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AS POSSIBTE MODIFICATION TO GILL-NETS TO REDUCE SNARING OF

BIRDS.

3. JAPANESE DEL LEADER KUSAKABE AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT AND EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO TRANSMIT US VIEWS TO APPROPRIATE GOJ AUTHORITIES PRIMARILY FISHERIES DIVISION IN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WHICH HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR MATTER, PLUS WILDLIFE PROTECTION DIVISION IN HIS OWN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY. TOJ PREFERRED NOT TO ADDRESS PROBLEM IN UJNR NATIONAL PARKS PANEL WHICH NOT COMPETENT THIS SUBJECT; HOWEVER, PANEL COULD SERVE AS MEANS TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION BETWEEN DIFFERENT AGENCIES. APART FROM ICBP PAPER, WHICH GOJ HAD ALSO RECEIVED, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GOJ'S OWN DATA ON SUBJECT SO FAR CONSISTED OF ONLY ONE REPORT FROM AN ECOLOGIST.

4. AUSTRALIAN TBSEVER OVINGTON SUPPORTED IDEA OF EXCHANGE OF INFO ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT, WHICH HE RECOMMENDED BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE EFFECTS OF NETTING ON MARINE MAMMALS AS WELL. CANADIAN OSERVER KUN BELIEVED THERE WOULD ALSO BE CANAD AN INTEREST IN ADDRESSING PROBLEM OF SEABIRD MORTALITY FROM GILL-NETTING.

5. COPY OF ICBP PAPER, WITH DETAILS OF DISCUSSION, FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

6. REQUEST SCIATT FOLLOW UP WITH GOJ. KISSINGER

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